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PRECOCIOUS CHILDREN

While the remarkable precocity of the three-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Harlow of Oklahoma City—made the subject of a feature story in a recent issue of The Times—is not without precedent, it is nevertheless unusual. Yet to say that it is so is merely to call attention to the general neglect of infants in the matter of education.

Keats is said to have written poetry at the age of three, while at the same age John Stuart Mill could both read and write, and at the age of eight wrote essays on economics. These, like the Harlow child, were not geniuses in the strict interpretation of the term. Their attainment was the result of systematic early training.

Always, when it is suggested that the education of a child should begin under five years, there is an outcry from theorists and inexperienced busy-bodies who regard themselves as oracles in such matters, asserting that to do so would be extreme cruelty.

There is no real basis beyond mere theory for the belief that judicious and systematic training of the infant mind is injurious. No more than there was for the theory of physicians, a few short years ago, that a fever patient should not have cold water to drink.

Against all theories of the kind we have the statement of John Stuart Mill that he experienced no ill effect from the very judicious and systematic mind culture which he received under the direction of the elder Mill. Under the age of six he had some advantages that many college students of today have not—a tutor who trained him how to think and to think out every problem that suggested itself to his infant mind.

Possibly the education given the younger Mill deprived the world of a good coal heater whose fame might have spread to the next county. It gave the world one of its greatest metaphysical analysts and political economists. True, the world needs both coal heaters and economists. It is possible, however, the world might become more tolerable with more Milses, Keatses and Gladstones. There is a surfeit of coal heaters, for the reason, we may believe, that early, proper and systematic training of children is to a very considerable extent neglected.

WHY THE REFUSAL?

After a conference with the governor, Secretary of State J. E. Lyon yesterday refused to receive 4,037 additional names to the petition for the initiation of a fair election law rendered him by the state chairman and secretary of the socialist party. He said neither the constitution nor the statutes made provision for supplementary filings. Yet the date for filings did not expire until last midnight.

Surely the supplementary filing could have done no harm and is nowhere prohibited by law. The more than 68,000 signers of the petition will want to know what ulterior motive lies behind this refusal.

It is not an idle thing to antagonize that number of voters and many thousand others, of all parties, who are in favor of the proposed fair election law.

A NEGLECTED INDUSTRY

According to the reports of the assessors there are only 39,285 sheep in the state of Oklahoma, a state peculiarly suited to the sheep-raising industry. The increasing scarcity of meat for food purposes may render the growing of sheep profitable in the future. That is yet to be determined. The democratic free trade tendency does not encourage the wool industry.

Recently bankers of Oklahoma, many of them, have encouraged farmers to begin the raising of sheep as a start toward rehabilitation of the livestock industry in Oklahoma which reached a very low ebb in the last three years, owing to drought conditions and the general industrial depression throughout the country.

Sheep have been suggested in this connection as representing a class of livestock the growing of which requires no great initial expense and one in which the increase is rapid, far more so than in the case with horses or cattle.

Sheep-raising will help many farmers to re-establish themselves in livestock raising. Sheep

will bring immediate profits while horses and cattle are coming on.

The outlook for the livestock industry in Oklahoma never was brighter than at this time. With the close selling of the past three years there has been a ridance of much inferior stock, and the movement at this time to secure superior cattle, horses and hogs is well defined and is not confined to any particular locality in the state. Moreover, the movement is being promoted by the state agricultural department, which has purchased many blooded animals for the district stations and at the Stillwater farm for the purpose of breeding better stock.

It should not be many years until Oklahoma takes high rank in the union for the production of thoroughbred stock.

The esteemed Oklahoman says: "The Times would like to have its limited number of readers believe that strained relations exist between Governor Williams and all the other members of the state official family." Well, maybeso; not exactly "all," but nearlyso. And don't overlook the "limited number of readers." That's so typical of our truth-telling contemporary.

WHEN WILL IT END?

When it comes to predicting the time when the great international conflict will be brought to a termination the fool appears to stand on a parity with the wise man.

Military men of established reputations as such have from time to time, since the outbreak of hostilities, made predictions in this relation that have lamentably failed of verification by the events, while the war correspondence from Europe is constantly contradictory in forecasts of this kind.

There is much talk of an early peace, but it does not come from the belligerents. None of them has abandoned the early vows of war to the last ditch. Not one of them is near exhaustion in money, food, metal, or ammunition, with the possible exception of Russia which, a few weeks ago, ran short of ammunition and possibly has not a large supply at this time.

This summary of the condition of the fighting nations is based upon a statement made by Lafayette Young, owner of the Des Moines Capital and for a time United States senator from Iowa, who recently has visited every one of the warring countries with the exception of Russia.

Mr. Young says the war will last another year. We read:

The war will last until all the countries are tired of it. It ought to last until somebody is whipped. To compromise at the present time would mean nothing. Then the men who have shed will have died in vain. The principal reason why the war will go on is found in the fact that none of the countries can afford to quit. Belgium will want to fight until she is sure of being released. France will want to fight until the Germans are driven out of France. Each country will have a separate reason for continuing the battle. Great Britain can not afford to be defeated. Defeat might mean the end of the British Empire.

The writer of the above says he saw enough metal in one railway yard in Austria to afford a supply for a considerable war, it seemed to him, and he says that the warring nations have the backing of all their peoples.

Here is the judgment of one who speaks from personal observations in the warring lands and from conversations with all grades of citizens in those countries. It also is an expression from one who is unbiased in his views.

Let us not, then, delude ourselves into the opinion that the world's most sanguinary war is very near an end. It is not.

No honest man will take particular pride in his citizenship in the state of Oklahoma so long as he knows that his vote may not be counted when cast and so long as there is a general belief that men hold office in this state who were not actually chosen in the primary and did not win in the subsequent election. Unfair politics is bad enough. Dishonest politics is a disgrace.

The tax receipt will be the last argument against the present state administration, and it will be an effective one.

Times' Spillway

Senator Clarence Davis, Democrat: "A self-respecting Democrat ought to give thanks that conditions and times have changed even in Oklahoma City."

Automobile party has just returned to Arcadia from an overland trip to San Diego, San Francisco, Portland, Boise City, Laramie and Denver, traversing thirteen states, without an accident or "blowout." Some record, that.

Orin M. Webb in the Arcadia Observer comments: "I can commend when it's coming, but it hasn't been coming to the state administration very often since the first of the year."

Pay famine in Anatolia. And a fourth-rate dramatic stock company likely to reach town any day.

Atlas Times thinks Judge G. A. Brown as governor of Oklahoma would please the people of western Oklahoma.

Snyder Signal-Star man wonders why the income tax collector fails to call upon him.

Secretary of State J. E. Lyon spent the latter part of the week here with friends, says Thursday's Kingfisher Times. "Thought he said it was at Hildenville."

If the Socialist leaders can't write a platform that will stand inspection, can you expect them to write laws that will pass the courts? asks Okla. Democrat. Depends upon whose courts.

FOR THE SUPPER TABLE

The Times
Baked Beans Apples in Casserole
Brown Bread Chocolate
Custard Pie Watermelon

Close to Home
"Are you interested in the movement for prison reform?"

"Yes, indeed. So many of our best people are being misled and convicted nowadays that it's quite impossible to make the prisoners more comfortable and homelike."

In Rebuttal
"Is not my province set to meet a rotund fat and pudgy fellow."

Whose sweetheart is not sure to be a girl whose shape is paragon."

Not yet to meet a maid whose weight defies the scales, but what she packs.

To kiss some phibid half-pint skate. Disjuncted as a string of suckers.

The which I offer at the bar. In refutation of the rumor. That human beings mostly are devoid of a sense of humor.

One-sided Conversation
"There's one man who can say what he likes without fear of being contradicted."

"Who's he?"

"The dentist."—Washington Star.

Twenty-Six Years Ago

Several of the leading congressmen were heard to remark that our agricultural display was the most remarkable that they had ever witnessed.

The City Graded a hole will be torn from the corner of Fourth and First streets as soon as the new building is completed, which will be in about two weeks.

A. R. McElrath of El Paso, Tex., is in the city and is the guest of his host, Mr. H. H. Partridge.

If you cannot send your whole heart, send your mind. If you can't send your mind, send your laundry.

We understand that Captain Stiles will visit the state Saturday. We want him to be careful, the people propose to hold the election of know the reason why.

We believe that the chapter will be a can be truly said that if the people want a change they cannot do better than adopt this one.

Dr. Graham plethoric and surgeon of the eye, to the people of south Oklahoma City.

A. T. Ketchum is showing of great credit for his efficient work in selling collections for the agricultural display. It is due to his efforts that his town ship had the best display of any in the county.

During the visit of the congressman, Judge Brown was telling and explaining how the police judge took him away from Ottawa and escorted them to Seminoles, or their relatives. But Judge Brown was the first man to find a lot in Oklahoma City. The fact of the matter is that Judge Brown bought the lot from a man who was falling ill.

The Times caught along without a story as long as the people can, but the next question that arises is, will the people be allowed to vote?

The Oracle

Dear Oracle: I am a large fat lady, and every time I walk my breath comes in short pants. When I laugh I can't make my face bend, and my friends don't know what I am trying to do. I would like to get thin and supple.—WHALE.

It is very hard to advise a fat lady. While Oracle has talked to a good many fat ladies with the same symptoms you describe, but they were very unreasonably, and none of them followed Oracle's advice. They are all just as fat now as they ever were.

Your breath coming in short pants that way is a sign that you have got too much breath. Take a run around the pasture a couple of times before breakfast every morning, and you will soon find your breath coming in long pants. Chase the calf around the field. When you catch him you will find yourself much thinner. If your breathing is still erratic, go out and throw yourself against the house a few times.

Walk around with your hands on the floor without bending your knees for an hour before dinner every day. This will make you so supple that you can soon bend your face in any direction you want it. Load a dollar to your neighbor, and you will worry so much about it that you will soon be too small for your clothes. Turn a few hand-springs every evening. It is almost impossible to stay fat if you keep this up very long. This treatment made Oracle so supple that she often has to lean up against a pole to keep from falling over.

Stop eating for a few days. After you have been without food for a week or two you will be delighted to find that you are a different woman, and that your face has become very mobile. Cultivate the acquaintance of very thin ladies. After you have hung around them for awhile, they will automatically begin to take on weight, and you will soon begin to feel supple and carefree once more.—ORACLE.

Owing to the number of communications received for this column, Oracle is unable to answer all, but will take them up to the order received.—ORACLE.

Sayings of Christ

Whoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in Heaven. But whosoever shall deny Me before men, him will I also deny before My Father which is in Heaven.

Fashion Show

FRIDAY

September 24th



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